

also survived by eleven grandchildren, John Robert Bancroft, Nathaniel Scott Bancroft, Abby Kristine Phillips, April Lauren Phillips, Alyson Kate Phillips, Zachariah Thomas Phillips, Holly Daye Goforth, Kelley Daye Goforth, Bailey Daye Goforth, Chloe Daye Goforth, and Amy Daye Goforth. Dr. Kelley was predeceased by his brother, Clarence Day Kelley, Jr.

We all look forward to the day our faith will become sight and we are united with Christ and reunited with Pastor Kelley.

RECOGNIZING THE KLINGER FAMILY

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an accomplished family with nurseries in several of the agriculture hotspots of Florida's 5th District. The entire Klinger family has taken a leadership role in growing the Florida agriculture industry, including fighting for increased relief funding for communities devastated by natural disasters.

The Klingers own and manage the lake Brantley Plant Corporation of Longwood, working as a team to grow their business and give back to their friends and neighbors. The family owned company currently has locations in Lake Brantley, Center Hill and Windermere.

Started by Paul Sr. and his wife Regina in the 1970s, the Klingers today boast three generations working in the family business. Paul's four sons Bill, P.J., Dan, and John run the nursery operations, but still rely on Paul Sr.'s years of experience and advice.

In addition to his active role in the nursery, Bill also served as the 2004 President of the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association. He is involved in politics and is a tireless advocate for the green industry and Florida agriculture.

P.J., who is the Director of Research and Development at the Center Hill operation in Sumter County, has also taken a leadership role in the community and serves on the Extension Advisory Board. He oversees growing practices at all three sites and monitors compliance with Best Management Practices. P.J.'s three sons also work for the family business. Ben is the dispatcher at the Lake Brantley plant, Brad is in sales and Barrett is the Assistant Nursery Manager at Lake Brantley.

Serving as the manager of the Center Hill nursery, Dan is joined by his son Adam, who serves as the Nursery Manager at the Windermere location, and a daughter Ashley who is in customer service.

John manages the Longwood nursery and has three children, Caroline, Katie and Jack, who are eager to join the family business one day as well.

Mr. Speaker, families like the Klingers deserve recognition for their hard work and dedication to Florida's agricultural community. They have dedicated their lives to grow their business, improving the lives of area residents by growing and expanding their plant operations, and bringing quality jobs to the entire region. The Klingers are to be commended for

their work and I wish them the best of luck as they continue operations in the future.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JERRY HARDEE

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a lifelong educator, who has made a tremendous impact on young Chiropractic students. The leadership of Dr. Jerry L. Hardee has prompted South Carolina Chiropractors to honor him with a 2006 Trailblazer Award.

Although his background is education, not Chiropractics, Dr. Hardee's role as President of Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic led to the college's tremendous growth and financial stability. He has officially retired as President of Sherman College, but remains Chancellor in a part-time capacity responsible for fund-raising, public relations and enrollment services.

Jerry Hardee began his career as a teacher in 1960. Ten years later, he took his first administrative job as a principal and Title I Gifted Program Coordinator in the Garfield School District in Maywood, Illinois. Before coming to Sherman College, Dr. Hardee served for a quarter of a century as an executive administrator at three different institutions in the University System of Georgia. He also came out of his first retirement in 1999 to serve as the Director of the Center for Teaching and learning at Albany State University in Georgia.

Dr. Hardee spent 35 years as an education administrator. He holds a doctorate degree in education and a certificate of advanced study in educational administration from Northern Illinois University, a master's degree in science education from Fisk University, and a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Clark College.

While president of Sherman College, Dr. Hardee was renowned for his work to attract more African American students to the profession of Chiropractics. He often met with students, faculty and health care profession advisors at Historically Black Colleges and Universities to encourage more minority student interest in a profession dominated by non-black practitioners. His goal is to make the field more accessible to African Americans as a career option.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me as I pay tribute to this trailblazing educator, who believes in promoting Chiropractics in minority communities. His leadership on this issue demonstrates his dedication to the profession and qualifies him for this outstanding recognition by practicing Chiropractors.

LETTER OF CLARIFICATION FROM THE BURT LAKE BAND OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, during hearings held in 1997 by the House Resources Com-

mittee, representatives of the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians provided testimony that confused some land rights claims in Northern Michigan.

These statements were not approved by the Burt Lake Band's Tribal Council. As a result Mr. Curtis Chambers, Chairman of the Burt Lake Band, has written an open letter to members of Congress, to correct the record on this issue.

Without objection, I request that the following letter from the Chairman of the Burt Lake Band be included into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

THE BURT LAKE BAND OF

OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS, INC.,

Brutus, Michigan, October 25, 2006.

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS: During June 24, 1997, hearings held before the House Natural Resources Committee, the individuals who were charged with presenting the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians' formal position on the Michigan Indian Lands Claims Settlement Act, P.L. 105-143, made some statements which require correction. Those statements suggested that the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians was and is claiming rights in lands in Michigan's Emmet and Charlevoix Counties, Beaver Island, High Island and Garden Island. Unfortunately, those statements were made without the prior approval of the Burt Lake Band's Tribal Council and they were and are factually inaccurate.

During those same hearings, those same Burt Lake representatives also presented the House Resources Committee with a map which they suggested was an accurate representation of the Burt Lake Band's aboriginal territory. That map was not an accurate representation of that territory and it should never had been presented for that purpose.

To complete this clarification, the Burt Lake Band would like to note that its research has confirmed that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians did, in fact, received allotments in southwestern Cheboygan County, Michigan and that the Burt Lake Band respects the Little Traverse Band's right to assert any and all rights which stem from the award of those allotments.

Because the historical records of the United States Congress are often used by law makers, attorneys and historians, we would greatly appreciate your assistance in seeing that this letter is printed in the Congressional Record of the United States House of Representatives to make the above stated corrections.

Cordially,

CURTIS CHAMBERS,

Chairman.

RECOGNIZES JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON, JR. OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph E. Johnston, Jr., the winner of the 2006 Great Brooksvillian of the Year Award. The Award is presented annually to a current or former resident who has made a significant impact on the city of Brooksville.

Mr. Johnston has a long record of service to the city and to the entire community. Born in

1922, Mr. Johnston has served with distinction as a Florida State Senator and the attorney for the city of Brooksville and the Hernando County School Board.

In addition to his personal service to the city, Mr. Johnston's son, City Council member Joe Johnston III, has continued the family's commitment to public service. At the council meeting where Mr. Johnston's award was first announced, it was his son Joseph who thanked his fellow council members on behalf of his family.

Mr. Speaker, the city of Brooksville is lucky to have a man like Joseph E. Johnston, Jr. to take an active role in our community. I am proud to recognize his accomplishments, and congratulate him on being named the 2006 Brooksvillian of the Year.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES AND CAROL
MCDOWELL

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituents James and Carol McDowell on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, October 27, 2006.

Jim and Carol were high school sweethearts in Petaluma, CA, where they met when Jim was a senior and Carol was a sophomore. Recently, the couple's 17-year-old granddaughter learned that they had been married when Carol was right out of high school and exclaimed, "Gram, you got married at 18! How could you?"

Jim was the third generation to operate the family dairy ranch just outside of town. His son Michael, "Mike," now runs the operation as an organic farm, adding strawberries and tomatoes to the dairy operation. Mike and his wife Linda have two children, Ryan and Shannon.

Patrick, "Pat," the couple's other son, is Asian editor for the Associated Press, covering 34 Asian countries. He and his wife Solzck live in Bangkok, Thailand.

Mr. Speaker, 50 years together is a wonderful testament to Jim and Carol's love and commitment. Jim summed up what makes it work when he told me, "Carol has always been special." Congratulations to them on this happy occasion.

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT MICHAEL
R. WEIDEMANN

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sorrow that I rise to recognize the loss of a brave soldier in Iraq, SGT Michael R. Weidemann, a resident of Newport who served his country with dignity and honor. I join his family and the people of Rhode Island in mourning this great loss.

Sergeant Weidemann was born in Canada and moved to Middletown, RI, with his family when he was 7. In 2001, he graduated from Rogers High School, where he attended the Newport Area Career and Technical Center

and participated in the automotive program. He was also an honor student and an active member of the JROTC program.

One month after graduating from high school, Sergeant Weidemann pursued his interests by enlisting in the Army as an auto mechanic and joined the 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment of the 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division. After serving one tour in Iraq, Sergeant Weidemann was nearing the end of his second tour when, on October 31st, he was killed while on patrol near Hit, in Anbar Province.

Those that knew Sergeant Weidemann remember his optimistic personality, his loyalty, his hard work and willingness to fix everything. Most importantly, he had a positive impact on all who knew him. This loss certainly causes us all to reflect on the bravery demonstrated by our men and women in uniform as they carry out their obligations in the face of danger. When Sergeant Weidemann's Nation called him to duty to preserve freedom, liberty and security, he answered without hesitation. We will remember him as a patriot who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country.

Sergeant Weidemann is survived by his grandmother, Gertrude K.C. Miller; his sister, Catharine E. Weidemann; and his brothers, Richard L. Weidemann and Edward R. and Benjamin J. Berriault. May we keep his loved ones in our thoughts and prayers as they endure this difficult period, and may his memory live on forever.

We will also continue to hope for the safe and speedy return of all of our troops serving throughout the world.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE CITY OF
BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, 150 years ago two rural communities, Melendez and Pierceville, merged to form the city we know today as Brooksville, FL. Located in the heart of Florida's Nature Coast, since its founding in 1856, Brooksville has grown into a community with a rich history and unique traditions.

Unlike many Florida towns, Brooksville is not named for a local resident or indigenous Indian Tribe, but for one of the 19th century's foremost spokesmen in the halls of Congress, Preston Brooks. Mr. Brooks of South Carolina was a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1853 to 1856, and is the city's namesake. The citizens of Hernando County admired his defense of States' rights and voted to give the county's largest settlement his name.

In 1856, the city of Brooksville was still in an unsafe part of the State. Located in the north-eastern corner of the city is the historic Fort Desoto. This fort was used as a trading post and a military fort, providing protection as well as leading the economic growth of the region.

Originally settled by four families, Brooksville eventually grew into a flourishing commercial and residential community. The Howell family settled in the northern part of the city, the Mays family in the eastern sec-

tion, the Hale family in the western section and the Parson family in the southern region. These four families helped contribute to the growth of the city and of the entire region.

Today Brooksville houses numerous modern medical facilities, a community college, three city parks, an outstanding library, thriving shopping centers, and a regional airport.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the city of Brooksville on its 150th anniversary. It has taken the combined efforts of generations of proud Brooksvillians to grow and strengthen this great city and make it what it is today. I wish the city of Brooksville the best of luck with their anniversary celebrations and good fortune during their next 150 years.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER JERRY A.
HOWARD

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jerry A. Howard on his retirement from the United States Capitol Police. Securing the United States Capitol Building and ensuring the safety of all individuals who work and visit here is a great responsibility that Officer Howard faithfully undertook for 33 years of honorable and dedicated service. While Officer Howard's presence on Capitol Hill will be missed, his retirement is a celebratory occasion and I wish him and his family continued success as they embark upon this next chapter in life.

Officer Howard began his career with the United States Capitol Police on November 12, 1973 with the House Division Second Relief, working traffic duty until 1994. He was then transferred to inside details until his retirement. Officer Howard received numerous awards and citations during his years of service.

Officer Howard is a charter member of the U.S. Capitol Black Police Association, where he served as Chaplain, and for the last six years was Vice President of that association.

Prior to working for the United States Capitol Police, Officer Howard served two years in the United States Marine Corps from 1968 to 1970, including 13 months in Viet Nam. He joined the Marine Corp Reserves in 1975 and retired in 1995 as a Gunnery Sergeant in the VFMA-321 Air Wing.

Officer Howard and his wife Gloria will celebrate their retirement years in the new family home in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

This is a special occasion for Jerry and Gloria's five children; Frank, Trey, Larry, Sherry and Shannon, and their four grandchildren; DaJuan, Jayme, Taveon, and Kameron, two daughters-in-law; Gloria and Quianna and their extended family members; Lorie and Paul Southern. Officer Howard is thankful to his parents, the late Robert and Alean Howard, who encouraged him to succeed in life, and his nine siblings for their continued support and encouragement.

Officer Howard protected this Nation during wartime overseas and at home, here at the U.S. Capitol. He is a patriot, guided by loyalty, honor and duty. This Nation is indebted to Officer Howard for a lifetime of service. His retirement is well deserved, and I congratulate him on achieving this milestone.